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TO : Chief, Engineering Division, OC

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FROM : Chief, Supplemental Programs Division, OC

SUBJECT: Miniature Recorder

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1. A review has been made of the requirements in functional characteristics desired in the development of the miniature data recorder as set forth in the referenced memoranda. In regard to the specifications regarding size, frequency response, storage capacity and recording speed, it has been established that present state of the art capabilities as known preclude definitely setting a firm requirement on all these features. Therefore, to allow contractual bidders sufficient leeway to submit a reasonable bid, the factor of recording speed should be omitted from the specifications.

2. It is believed that omitting the above speed requirement will exclude the possibility of the contractor being forced to consider bettering the art of the recording media (i.e. magnetic tape) and still permit fulfilling all other requirements.

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